

# News Release

## Umatilla National Forest

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### **CAMPFIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ON THE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST**

**Pendleton, OR:** “Public-use restrictions on the Umatilla National Forest, prohibiting the use of campfires and smoking outside of designated recreation sites, have been lifted,” announced Brian Goff, Fire Staff Officer. These restrictions were implemented in mid-July to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires.

“Though recent rain and cooler temperatures have eased the need for public-use restrictions, we are still in fire season with warmer and dryer weather in the forecast for this weekend,” said Goff. Hunters, campers and other forest visitors are urged to be careful with their campfires, warming fires, cooking fires, and wood stoves. “Please help us prevent wildfires. Never leave a fire unattended and always make sure the campfire is dead-out before leaving the site,” said Goff.

Forest users are reminded to obtain the most current public use restriction information before heading out. If you’re unsure of which restrictions apply, please contact the Umatilla National Forest Office at (541) 278-3716. Public-use restrictions are updated on the toll-free message line at 1-877-958-9663 and are also available online at: [www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/).

As a reminder, fire season is also in effect on all private lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in Northeast Oregon. Specific information on ODF’s restrictions is available on the web at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>. Similar restrictions may be in effect on lands protected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA-DNR.) Specific information on WA-DNR’s restrictions is available on the web at: [www.dnr.wa.gov/](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/)

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